

# CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS PLACARD

for Raleigh Historic Resources

**Project Description:**

Install handrails on front porch steps

401 N Person St

Address

Oakwood

Historic District

Historic Property

COA-0034-2020

Certificate Number

3/2/2020

Date of Issue

9/2/2020

Expiration Date

*This card must be kept posted in a location within public view until all phases of the described project are complete. The work must conform with the code of the City of Raleigh and laws of the state of North Carolina. When your project is complete, you are required to ask for a final zoning inspection in a historic district area. Telephone the RHDC office at 832-7238 and commission staff will coordinate the inspection with the inspections Department. If you do not call for this final inspection, your Certificate of Appropriateness is null and void.*

Signature, \_\_\_\_\_

*Collette R Kinnie*

Raleigh Historic Development Commission

*Pending the resolution of appeals, commencement of work is at your own risk.*



Type or print the following:

Applicant name: Matthew Brown

Mailing address: 401 N. Person St.

City: Raleigh

State: NC

Zip code: 27601

Date: 2/10/20

Daytime phone #: 919-834-6488

Email address: askmisterbrown@yahoo.com

Applicant signature:

Minor work (staff review) – one copy

Major work (COA committee review) – ten copies

Additions > 25% of building sq. footage

New buildings

Demolition of building or structure

All other

Post approval re-review of conditions of approval

**Office Use Only**

Transaction #: \_\_\_\_\_

File #: CoA-0034-2020

Fee: \_\_\_\_\_

Amount paid: \_\_\_\_\_

Received date: \_\_\_\_\_

Received by: \_\_\_\_\_

Property street address: 401 N. Person St.

Historic district: Oakwood

Historic property/Landmark name (if applicable):

Owner name: Matthew Brown

Owner mailing address: 401 N. Person St., Raleigh, NC 27601

**For applications that require review by the COA Committee (major work), provide addressed and stamped envelopes for owners for all properties with 100 feet on all sides of the property, as well as the property owner.**

Property Owner Name & Address	Property Owner Name & Address



**I understand that all major work applications that require review by the Raleigh Historic Development Commission's COA Committee must be submitted by 4 p.m. on the date of the application deadline; otherwise, consideration will be delayed until the following committee meeting. An incomplete application will not be accepted.**

Will you be applying for rehabilitation tax credits for this project? Yes      No  Did you consult with staff prior to filing the application? Yes      No	Office Use Only Type of work: <u>57</u>  
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Design Guidelines: please cite the applicable sections of the design guidelines ( <a href="http://www.rhdc.org">www.rhdc.org</a> ).		
Section/Page	Topic	Brief description of work (attach additional sheets as needed).
2.11/61	Accessibility & Safety	Install black iron handrails on each side of front porch steps

Minor Work Approval (office use only)	
Upon being signed and dated below by the Planning Director or designee, this application becomes the Minor Work Certificate of Appropriateness. It is valid until <u>09/02/2020</u> . Please post the enclosed placard form of the certificate as indicated at the bottom of the card. Issuance of a Minor Work Certificate shall not relieve the applicant, contractor, tenant, or property owner from obtaining any other permit required by City Code or any law. Minor Works are subject to an appeals period of 30 days from the date of approval.	
Signature (City of Raleigh) <u>Collette R K</u>	Date <u>03/02/20</u>

Minor Work Application for 401 N. Person St.: further explanation

I would like to install handrails on each side of the front porch steps at 401 N. Person Street. To be honest, I would rather NOT install handrails, but am receiving significant pressure to do so, including from my elderly mother! I have two other elderly friends who find it difficult to ascend the steps without a handrail. I am starting to have frequent events at the house, and at a recent event, another elderly lady fell at the top of the steps. It is a rather long staircase – 8 steps --- and the rise from the top step to the porch floor is higher than the rises between the other steps, probably because the entire concrete staircase has sunk slightly. This creates a hazard. SO I feel it is necessary to install handrails!

The handrails would be wrought iron, painted black. They would be similar to the handrail pictured on page 61 of the RHDC Guidelines, and specifically modeled on the handrails already installed at the back stairs to my front porch, which were approved as a minor change to COA 166-16-CA.

The handrails would be located just inside the diagonal knee walls astride the steps. They would be bolted to the top and bottom steps, and there would be a piece attaching the top baluster to the lower part of the adjacent wooden porch posts. These lower parts are square-section, so easier to attach to than the upper parts, which are round-section.

Attached is a photo of my porch steps, a photo of the back steps to my front porch, and photos of similar iron porch handrails on five houses within two blocks of my house. Each one is slightly different, but all are similar.





401 N. PERSON ST.



401 N. PERSON ST  
STEPS AT BACK OF  
FRONT PORCH



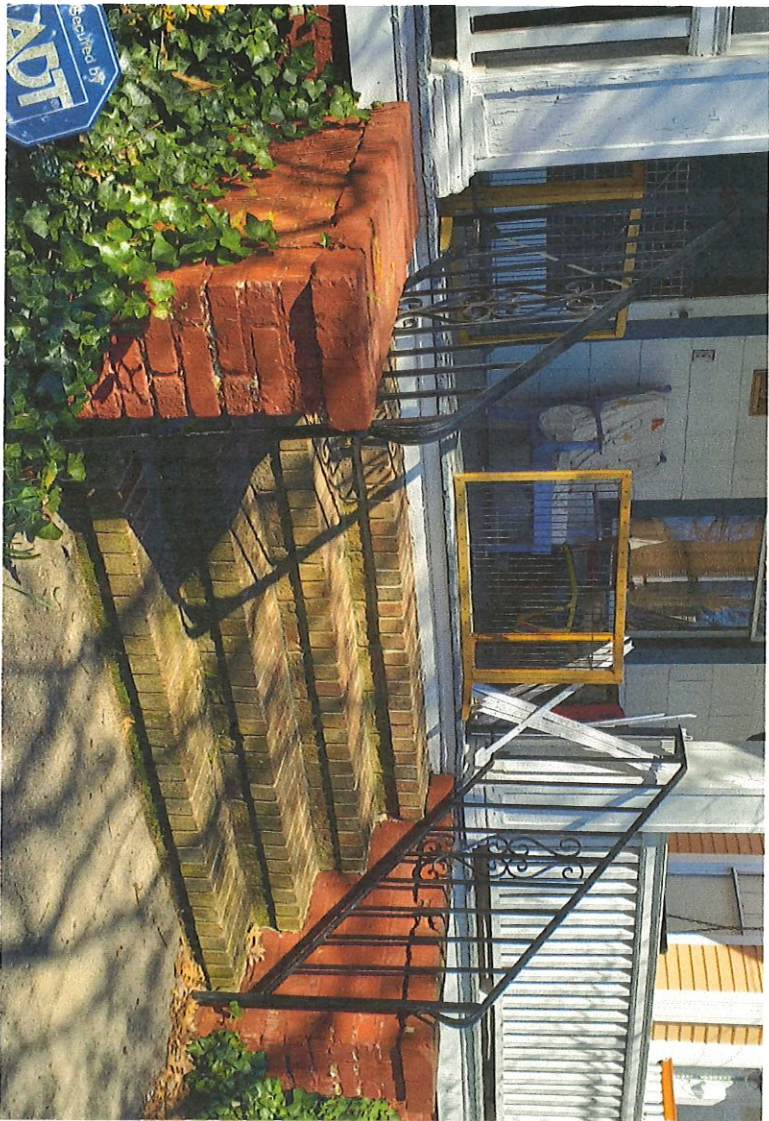


407 N. PERSON ST.



327 OAKWOOD AVE.





407 N. BLOODWORTH ST.



408 N. BLOODWORTH ST.





411 N. BLOODWORTH ST.